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**Introduction by April Chatham-Carpenter,**  
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Tanna completed her master's degree in May, 2009, and is currently teaching at a local community college. She hopes eventually to obtain a job as a Human Resources manager in a larger company, but she loves being in the classroom teaching until she lands such a position.

Tanna served as a graduate teaching assistant (GTA) in the Department of Communication Studies for two years while completing her master's degree. Her interest in the topic of this paper came out of her own experiences as a GTA at UNI.

Tanna's paper does a good job investigating the socialization graduate students at UNI experience while going to graduate school. The findings in the paper could be used by university graduate programs to help improve life for graduate students at their schools. Her findings demonstrated a significant difference between graduate students and graduate teaching assistants in their identification with the university.